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Cathy, Ed,

We have received very positive feedback from the citizens' group in Rockport, MI (Wolverine). Please see note below.

This has landed very well. MDEQ is in a good position – an example of cooperative federalism. Region 5 and EPA overall have responded to the extensive contamination, including PFAS, in a way that gets the job done in Wolverine, protects public health, but does not establish an unworkable precedent for action at the many thousands of PFAS sites across the country. My calls to OECA and OLEM went well yesterday. I left a message for Kell but did not reach him directly.

The press clips have been positive (a rarity these days, especially in Michigan). For example, http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2018/01/wolverine_deq_pfas_lawsuit.html

Note that there are indications of serious public health issues. These orders were important and the right thing to do.

http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2018/01/pfas_blood_test_ppt.html

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Mr. Kaplan,

As a member of Concerned Citizens for Responsible Remediation (CCRR), I cannot begin to tell you how grateful we are for this order that has been issued by the EPA.

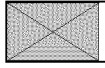
Action has been needed and now action has been taken. We have renewed hope that a targeted, thorough remediation will be expedited at the Rockford tannery and other related sites. We have grieved for the pollution we know exists and for the lives of people who have been impacted by such rampant contamination.

There is another great good that comes from this action. It inspires other citizens to stay in the game and to stay involved. So many people are grateful to see the Environmental Protection Agency using that most wonderful action-verb: *protecting*.

We look forward to providing relevant information and to assist in any way we can as the EPA moves forward with removal actions.

Again, thank you so very much,

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